

# **HISTORY OF MISSOURI BLACK LEGISLATORS**

History obtained from:

Secretary of State's Office

Records of the Missouri House  
of Representatives and  
the Missouri State Senate

(Rev. 1987)

**Past Legislators**

BLACK MEMBERS OF THE MISSOURI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

YEARS SERVED	NAME	PARTY	DISTRICT	AREA
1921-22	Walthall M. Moore	(R)	6th	St. Louis, City
1925-26	Walthall M. Moore	(R)	3rd	St. Louis, City
1927-28	John A. Davis	(R)	3rd	St. Louis, City
1927-28	Walthall M. Moore	(R)	3rd	St. Louis, City
1929-30	Walthall M. Moore	(R)	3rd	St. Louis, City
1929-30	L. Amasa Knox	(R)	4th	Jackson, County
1931-32	Frank W. Clegg	(R)	3rd	St. Louis, City

1933 through 1946    NONE

1947-48	J. Claybourne Bush	(R)	17th	St. Louis, City
	William A. Massingale	(D)	11th	St. Louis, City
	James McKinley Neal	(D)	4th	Jackson, County
	Josiah C. Thomas	(R)	10th	St. Louis, City
1949-50	William A. Cole	(D)	10th	St. Louis, City
	John Wilson Green	(D)	17th	St. Louis, City
	Walter V. Lay	(D)	11th	St. Louis, City
	James McKinley Neal	(D)	4th	Jackson, County
1951-52	John Wilson Green	(D)	17th	St. Louis, City
	Walter V. Lay	(D)	11th	St. Louis, City
	James McKinley Neal	(D)	4th	Jackson, County
	LeRoy Tyus	(D)	10th	St. Louis, City
1953-54	Walter V. Lay	(D)	11th	St. Louis, City
	James McKinley Neal	(D)	4th	Jackson, County
	LeRoy Tyus	(D)	10th	St. Louis, City

YEARS SERVED	NAME	PARTY	DISTRICT	AREA
1955-56	John Wilson Green	(D)	17th	St. Louis, City
	James McKinley Neal	(D)	4th	Jackson, County
	James D. Troupe, Sr.	(D)	11th	St. Louis, City
	LeRoy Tyus	(D)	10th	St. Louis, City
1957-58	James McKinley Neal	(D)	4th	Jackson, County
	James P. Troupe, Sr.	(D)	11th	St. Louis, City
	LeRoy Tyus	(D)	10th	St. Louis, City
	Henry W. Wheeler	(D)	17th	St. Louis, City
1959-60	James P. Troupe, Sr.	(D)	11th	St. Louis, City
	LeRoy Tyus	(D)	10th	St. Louis, City
	Henry W. Wheeler	(D)	17th	St. Louis, City
	James McKinley Neal	(D)	4th	Jackson, County
1961-62	James McKinley Neal	(D)	4th	Jackson, County
	William Wright	(D)	11th	St. Louis, City
	Henry W. Wheeler	(D)	17th	St. Louis, City
	Hugh J. White	(D)	16th	St. Louis, City
1963-64	James McKinley Neal	(D)	4th	Jackson, County
	Hugh J. White	(D)	10th	St. Louis, City
	DeVerne Calloway	(D)	13th	St. Louis, City
	John Conley, Jr.	(D)	15th	St. Louis, City
	James P. Troupe, Sr.	(D)	9th	St. Louis, City
1965-66	Henry Ross	(D)	10th	Jackson, County
	Leon Jordan	(D)	11th	Jackson, County
	Harold L. Holliday	(D)	5th	Jackson, County
	Raymond Howard	(D)	54th	St. Louis, City
	DeVerne Calloway	(D)	13th	St. Louis, City

YEARS SERVED	NAME	PARTY	DISTRICT	AREA
1965-66 (con't.)	Elsa Debra Hill	(D)	71st	St. Louis, City
	Franklin Payne	(D)	73rd	St. Louis, City
	John Conley, Jr.	(D)	75th	St. Louis, City
	Russell Goward	(D)	76th	St. Louis, City
	James W. Spencer	(D)	13th	Jackson, County
	James P. Troupe, Sr.	(D)	9th	St. Louis, City
1967-68	Henry Ross	(D)	10th	Jackson, County
	Leon Jordan	(D)	11th	Jackson, County
	Herman A. Johnson	(D)	13th	Jackson, County
	Harold L. Holliday	(D)	14th	Jackson, County
	James P. Troupe, Sr.	(D)	53rd	St. Louis, City
	DeVerne Calloway	(D)	70th	St. Louis, City
	Nathaniel J. Rivers	(D)	71st	St. Louis, City
	Franklin Payne	(D)	73rd	St. Louis, City
	Johnnie S. Aikens	(D)	74th	St. Louis, City
	LeRoy Malcom	(D)	75th	St. Louis, City
	James W. Spencer	(D)	13th	Jackson, County
	John Conley, Jr.	(D)	75th	St. Louis, City
1969-70	Henry Ross	(D)	10th	Jackson, County
	Leon Jordan	(D)	11th	Jackson, County
	Orchid I. Jordan*	(D)	11th	Jackson, County
	Herman A. Johnson	(D)	13th	Jackson, County

\*elected to fill the seat vacated by her husband's death

YEARS SERVED	NAME	PARTY	DISTRICT	AREA
1969-70 (con't.)	Harold L. Holliday	(D)	14th	Jackson, County
	James P. Troupe, Sr.	(D)	53rd	St. Louis, City
	DeVerne Calloway	(D)	70th	St. Louis, City
	Nathaniel J. Rivers	(D)	71st	St. Louis, City
	Fred Williams	(D)	72nd	St. Louis, City
	Franklin Payne	(D)	73rd	St. Louis, City
	Johnnie S. Aikens	(D)	74th	St. Louis, City
	LeRoy Malcom	(D)	75th	St. Louis, City
1971-72	Henry Ross	(D)	10th	Jackson, County
	Herman A. Johnson	(D)	13th	Jackson, County
	Harold L. Holliday	(D)	14th	Jackson, County
	Orchid I. Jordan	(D)	25th	Jackson, County
	James P. Troupe, Sr.	(D)	53rd	St. Louis, City
	John Conley, Jr.	(D)	75th	St. Louis, City
	DeVerne Calloway	(D)	70th	St. Louis, City
	Nathaniel J. Rivers	(D)	71st	St. Louis, City
	Fred Williams	(D)	72nd	St. Louis, City
	Fred E. Brown	(D)	73rd	St. Louis, City
	Johnnie S. Aikens	(D)	74th	St. Louis, City
1973-74	Orchid I. Jordan	(D)	25th	Jackson, County
	Harold L. Holliday	(D)	26th	Jackson, County
	Leo McKamey	(D)	36th	Jackson, County
	Raymond Quarles	(D)	63rd	St. Louis, City
	Johnnie S. Aikens	(D)	66th	St. Louis, City
	James M. Carrington	(D)	67th	St. Louis, City
	Fred Williams	(D)	78th	St. Louis, City

YEARS SERVED	NAME	PARTY	DISTRICT	AREA
1973-74 (con't.)	Nathaniel J. Rivers	(D)	79th	St. Louis, City
	DeVerne Calloway	(D)	81st	St. Louis, City
	Harold Martin	(D)	82nd	St. Louis, City
1975-76	Orchid I. Jordan	(D)	25th	Jackson, County
	Harold L. Holliday	(D)	26th	Jackson, County
	Leo McKamey	(D)	36th	Jackson, County
	Raymond Quarles	(D)	63rd	St. Louis, City
	Johnnie S. Aikens	(D)	66th	St. Louis, City
	James M. Carrington	(D)	67th	St. Louis, City
	Fred Williams	(D)	78th	St. Louis, City
	Nathaniel J. Rivers	(D)	79th	St. Louis, City
	DeVerne Calloway	(D)	81st	St. Louis, City
	Roscoe L. McCrary	(D)	82nd	St. Louis, City
1977-78	Orchid I. Jordan	(D)	25th	Jackson, County
	Leo McKamey	(D)	36th	Jackson, County
	Raymond Quarles	(D)	63rd	St. Louis, City
	James M. Carrington	(D)	67th	St. Louis, City
	Fred Williams	(D)	78th	St. Louis, City
	Nathaniel Rivers	(D)	79th	St. Louis, City
	Robert L. Walker	(D)	80th	St. Louis, City
	DeVerne Calloway	(D)	81st	St. Louis, City
	Roscoe L. McCrary	(D)	82nd	St. Louis, City

YEARS SERVED	NAME	PARTY	DISTRICT	AREA
1979-80	Orchid I. Jordan	(D)	25th	Jackson, County
	Leo McKamey	(D)	36th	Jackson, County
	Johnnie S. Aikens	(D)	66th	St. Louis, City
	James M. Carrington	(D)	67th	St. Louis, City
	Fred Williams	(D)	78th	St. Louis, City
	Nathaniel Rivers	(D)	79th	St. Louis, City
	DeVerne Calloway	(D)	81st	St. Louis, City
	Billie Boykins	(D)	82nd	St. Louis, City
1981-82	James D. Tindall	(D)	23rd	Jackson, County
	Orchid I. Jordan	(D)	26th	Jackson, County
	Earl A. Pitts, Sr.	(D)	32nd	Jackson, County
	Leo McKamey	(D)	36th	Jackson, County
	Fred Williams	(D)	56th	St. Louis, City
	Johnnie S. Aikens	(D)	66th	St. Louis, City
	James Whitmore	(D)	67th	St. Louis, City
	Nathaniel Rivers	(D)	79th	St. Louis, City
	DeVerne Calloway	(D)	81st	St. Louis, City
1983-84	Orchid I. Jordan	(D)	36th	Jackson, County
	Walter Peterson	(D)	38th	Jackson, County
	Nathaniel Rivers	(D)	59th	St. Louis, City
1985-86	Orchid I. Jordan	(D)	36th	Jackson, County
	Walter Peterson	(D)	38th	Jackson, County
	Fred Williams	(D)	56th	St. Louis, City

BLACK MEMBERS OF THE MISSOURI SENATE

YEARS SERVED	NAME	PARTY	DISTRICT	AREA
1961-64	Theodore D. McNeal	(D)	7th	St. Louis, City
1965-69	Theodore D. McNeal	(D)	4th	St. Louis, City
1969-76	Raymond Howard	(D)	5th	St. Louis, City
1971-77	Franklin Payne	(D)	4th	St. Louis, City
1977-81	Gwen B. Giles	(D)	4th	St. Louis, City
1981-83	Lee Vertis Swinton	(D)	9th	Jackson, County



1921-22 1925-30

WALTHALL M. MOORE (Republican), Representative from Sixth district of St. Louis City, was born at Marion Ala., May 1, 1881. Attended the graded and state school of Alabama, St. Louis schools and the Howard University at Washington, D.C. Came to Missouri and located in St. Louis in 1896. Was clerk in St. Louis post office and later a clerk in the railway mail service. Helped to organize the first incorporated Negro steam laundry in Missouri. He was the first black member of the Missouri legislature and the first member of the Missouri House of Representatives. He was a member of the committees on Eleemosynary Institutions; Teachers College; Permanent Seat of Government; Appropriations; Claims, Local Bills and Miscellaneous Business; Enrolled Bills; Permanent Seat of Government.



1927-28

JOHN A. DAVIS (Republican), Representative from Third district, St. Louis city; born October 31, 1895, at Navasota, Tex.; graduate of high school, Dallas, Tex., received degrees of A.B. and LL.B. from Howard University, Washington, D.C. He was a lawyer by profession. Served four months at Camp McArthur, Tex. He was elected in 1926 to his first political office. In the General Assembly he introduced the anti-lynching bill, House Bill No. 508, and served as a member of the following committees: Judiciary; Private Corporations; Civil and Criminal Procedure.



1929-30

L. AMASA KNOX (Republican), Representative from the Fourth district, Jackson county. He was born January 6, 1870, in Greenville county, Virginia; educated in public schools, Virginia State College, graduated with A.B. degree, and from Howard University with degrees LL.B. and LL.M. He was engaged in the practice of law in Kansas City and resided at 1825, the Paseo. During the World War he served the Government to fill out questionnaires. He was elected to the 55th General Assembly and served on the following committees: Appropriations, Criminal Justice, Justices of the Peace, Joint Rules, Judicial, Rules, Municipal Corporations, University and School of Mines.



FRANK W. CLEGG (Republican), Representative from the Third district, St. Louis city. He was born at Trinity, Texas, December 31, 1892, and was educated in the public schools of Trinity. An attorney at law. He was a member of the Fifth Ward Republican Club, St. Louis, and formerly belonged to the Republican Club of the Sixth Ward there. He was elected to the Legislature in 1930, serving in General Assembly as a member of the following committees: Claims, Local Bills and Miscellaneous Business, Commerce and Manufactories, Criminal Justice, and Federal Relations.

1931-32



1947-48

J. CLAYBOURNE BUSH (Republican), Representative from the Seventeenth District of St. Louis City, was born on February 27, 1913, in Covington, Virginia. Was educated in the public schools of Covington, Virginia, Cleveland, Ohio, and Charleston, West Virginia. Received a B.S. Degree from West Virginia State College, Institute, West Virginia, and LL.B. Degree from the Law School of Howard University, Washington, D.C. He was a lawyer and practiced in Cleveland, Ohio, in 1939, and was also engaged in the practice of law in St. Louis. From 1939 to 1943 he was assistant and associate professor of law, Lincoln University, St. Louis, and from 1943 to 1944, an attorney with the United States Department of Interior. A member of the Methodist Church and the Omega Psi Phi fraternity. He was a member of the executive committee of the Eighteenth Ward Regular Republican Club, Inc., St. Louis. He was a member of the following committees: Children's Code; Eleemosynary Institutions; Governmental Organization and Related Matters; and Judiciary.



1947-48

WILLIAM A. MASSINGALE (Democrat), Representative from the Eleventh District of St. Louis City, was born on May 19, 1900, in St. Louis, Missouri, where he was educated in the public schools. He was an assistant elevator starter for eighteen years at Walheem & Platt. Served in the machine gun Co. No. 1, 370th Infantry, during World War I. Was a member of the Baptist Church. Was a member of the C.I.O. since 1936. Elected to the House of Representatives in 1946, he served in the General Assembly on the following committees: Commerce; Eleemosynary Institutions; and Teachers Colleges.



1947-48

JOSIAH C. THOMAS (Republican), Representative from the Tenth District of St. Louis City, was born on January 27, 1884 in Camden, Arkansas. Attended the Camden High School; Philander Smith College, Little Rock Arkansas; and the School of Law of Lincoln University, St. Louis, Missouri. Was an employee of the Division of Railway Mail Service of the Post Office Department, 1904-1926; was a funeral director, 1926-1937; and owned a printing establishment -- the Citizens Publishing Company. From May 20, to November 9, 1917, during World War I, was in the Twelfth Provisional Training Regiment, Fort Des Moines, Iowa. A member of the St. Paul American Methodist Episcopal Church in St. Louis; Scottish Rite and Shrine Masonic Orders; and grand chancellor of the Knights of Pythias Jurisdiction of Missouri. Was for ten years president of the Republican Civic Association of St. Louis; member of the executive committee of the Nineteenth Ward Regular Republican Organization of St. Louis; was a candidate for justice of the peace in the Fourth St. Louis District in 1938 and for Republican Committeeman in the Nineteenth Ward in 1944. Elected to the House of Representatives in 1946, he served in the General Assembly as a member of these committees: Appropriations; Education; Elections; and Social Security.



1947-64

JAMES MCKINLEY NEAL (Democrat), Representative from the Fourth District of Jackson County, was born in Greensboro, Georgia, on March 8, 1899. Attended the public schools in Greensboro, Georgia, and was graduated from Jewel Academy, Athens, Georgia; Morehouse College, Atlanta, Georgia; Capitol College of Pharmacy and Science, Denver, Colorado; and LaSalle Extension University (business administration), Chicago, Illinois. Has an A.B. Degree and a PH.G. (Graduate Pharmacist) Degree. Worked five years for the Atlanta Life Insurance Company. After completing his education, he worked ten years as an insurance supervisor for the same company. Owner and operator of the Regal Pharmacy, 2462 Brooklyn Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri. Served in the infantry of the United States Army during World War I. A Paseo Baptist Church, Omega Psi Phi, and Sigma Alpha Phi fraternities, American Legion, Chamber of Commerce, Urban League, N.A.A.C.P., and Masonic Lodge. Served two years as a member of the advisory committee of the Jackson County Democratic Association and as a member of the executive committee of the advisory committee. In the General Assembly he was a member of these committees: Appropriations; Education; Penal Institutions; Public Health; Taxation and Revenue; Elections; State Property; Childrens Code; Labor; Insurance; Employment Security; Local Government; Mental Health; Welfare Ways and Means; Metropolitan Committee; Private Corporations; Criminal Justice and Cost. Chairman of Visiting (66th), Elections (68th 69th, 70th, 71st, 72nd) Vice-chairman Labor (68th, 69th, 70th).



1949-50

WILLIAM A. COLE (Democrat), Representative from the Tenth district of St. Louis City, was born on August 8, 1906, in Unionville, Illinois. Attended the public schools in Illinois and Missouri and the University of Indiana from which he has a LL.B. degree. A lawyer and also an ordained minister. Was admitted to the Indiana Bar and to the United States District Court in June, 1925, and to the Missouri Bar in November, 1930. Served in the United States Army, 1942-1943; at Camp Maxey, Texas. Was a member of the Methodist Church and Kappa Alpha Psi. Ran for precinct captain on the Republican ticket in Indianapolis but withdrew. Became a Democrat in St. Louis. Worked with the Sixth Ward Republicans. Withdrawn. Ran for state representative in the old Third District of St. Louis City in 1942. Nominated and defeated sixteen days later. Ran for state representative from the Tenth District on the democratic ticket and was elected. In the General Assembly he was a member of the following committees: Judiciary; Workmen's Compensation; Social Security; Teachers Colleges; Labor; Civil and Criminal Procedure; and Constitutional Amendments.



1949-56

JOHN WILSON GREEN (Democrat), Representative from the Seventeenth District of St. Louis City was born on February 5, 1912, in Detroit, Michigan. Attended the Detroit Elementary Schools and Summer High School and the Stowe Teachers College, both in St. Louis. He was a professional baseball player, director of physical education at a municipal playground in St. Louis for two years, dining-car waiter, and deputy collector, Internal Revenue, Treasury Department, St. Louis, for eight years. Served four and one-half years in the United States Navy during World War II. A member of the Catholic Church. He was affiliated for twenty years with the Central Democratic Committee of St. Louis. He was a member in the General Assembly in the following committees: Civil Defense; Military and Veterans Affairs; Private Corporations; Probation and Paroles; Savings and Loans; University and School of Mines; and Unemployment Compensation; Criminal Justice and Cost; Transportation; Ways and Means; Military and Veterans Affairs. Chairman of Public Safety (68th) Chairman Criminal Justice and Cost (66th); Vice-Chairman of Aviation (66th, 68th).



1949-54

WALTER V. LAY (Democrat), Representative from the Eleventh District of St. Louis City, was born on May 20, 1923, in St. Louis, Missouri. Attended the St. Louis Public Schools, West Virginia State College, 1941-1943; and Stowe Teachers College, 1947-1948. Attended Lincoln University in Jefferson City. Was a member of the Reserve Officers Training Corps, Virginia State College. Enlisted in the Reserve Corps at Howard University. Was on active duty from June 5, 1943, to March 9, 1946. A member of the Baptist Church and a Mason. Was founder of the Youth Division of St. Louis Central Democratic Organization and had served as its president. Was vice-president of the Fifth Ward Regular Democratic Organization. Committees: Education Eleemosynary Institutions; Children's Code; Miscellaneous Resolutions; Visiting Committee; Child Welfare; Public Safety; Elections; Social Security; Private Corporations; Public Schools; Savings and Loans; and Vice Chairman of the Miscellaneous Resolutions Committee (66th).



1950-58

LeROY TYUS (Democrat), Representative from the Tenth District of St. Louis City, was born on February 4, 1916, in Brownsville, Tennessee. Attended Lane College, Jackson, Tennessee for three years and the Law School of Lincoln University, St. Louis, for one year. Worked with the State Board of Education in Missouri in occupational therapy in the City of St. Louis as an adult-education teacher. He was a member of the Baptist Church, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, the Nineteenth Ward Democratic Club, and a member of the Young Democratic Organization. He served in the General Assembly as a member of the following committees: Child Welfare; Civil Defense; Elections; State Properties; Public Schools; and Eleemosynary Institutions; Appropriations; Education; Forestry; Fish and Game; Roads and Highways, and Chairman Federal Relations (68th) and Vice-chairman Pensions (68th).



1955-60 1963-72

JAMES P. TROUPE, SR. (Democrat), Representative from the Eleventh District of St. Louis City, was born on December 4, 1909, in Dublin, Georgia. Educated in the St. Louis schools. He was a representative of the United Steelworkers of America, C.I.O. and a member of the Catholic Church. A member in the General Assembly of the following committees: Appropriations; Aviation; Child Welfare; Labor; Public Schools; Bills Agreed To; Municipal Corporations; Chairman of Federal Relations (69th); Pensions (70th); Workmen's Compensation (73rd); Labor (75th, 76th); Unemployment (72nd); Vice Chairman, Workmen's Compensation (69th, 70th); Savings and Loan (72nd); Appropriations (73rd).



1957-62

HENRY WINFIELD WHEELER (Democrat), Representative from the Seventeenth District of St. Louis City, was born September 30, 1887, in Jonesboro, Arkansas. Educated at Arkansas State College, Pine Bluff, Arkansas, and Howard University, Washington, D.C. He retired after thirty-one years with the St. Louis Post Office. He was a member of the All Saints Episcopal Church, St. Louis, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, National Postal Alliance, Federal Post Office Clerks, Pine Street Young Men's Christian Association, Urban League and Eighteenth Ward Democratic Association. In the General Assembly he was a member of the following committees: City Planning; Education; Elections; Social Security; Civil Defense; Penal Institutions; Unemployment Compensation. Chairman of Pensions (75th).



1961-64

HUGH J. WHITE (Democrat), Representative from the Sixteenth District of St. Louis City, was born August 24, 1922, in St. Louis, Missouri. Educated in Stowe Teacher College, St. Louis, Missouri, University of California, Los Angeles and Cleveland Marshall Law School, Cleveland, Ohio, where he received an LL.B. degree. Was an attorney. Was co-owner of a television sales and service business in Cleveland, Ohio, a clerk with Federal Civil Service, a part-time postal clerk, and Y.M.C.A. desk clerk. Served in the United States Air Force, 1943-1951, and was honorably discharged in the rank of captain. He participated in thirty-five combat missions, received the Air Medal with four clusters and the Purple Heart. A member of the Antioch Baptist Church, St. Louis, Missouri and Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity. He served in the General Assembly as a member of the following committees: City Planning; Civil and Criminal Procedure; Judiciary; Municipal Corporations; Ways and Means.



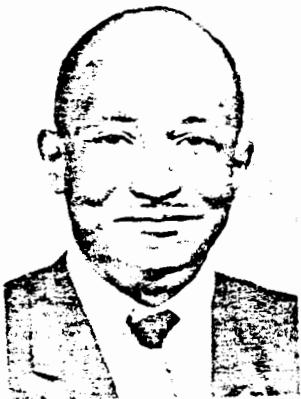
1961-70

THEODORE D. McNEAL (Democrat), Senator from the Fourth District, born November 5, 1905, in Helena, Arkansas. He was a member of the national staff of Sleeping Car Porters Union, and served that organization as international vice president. Elected to the Senate in 1960 from the old Seventh District. He received the St. Louis Globe-Democrat award for meritorious public service on three occasions, and as a result of his work in the General Assembly, he received awards from the St. Louis Argus, the New Citizen, St. Louis Civil Liberties Committee, N.A.A.C.P., Urban League, Frontiers International, National Association of College Women, St. Louis Federation of Musicians, St. Louis school teachers and the National Conference of Christians and Jews. In 1967, he was elected to membership in the Missouri Academy of Squires. In 1968, he received honorary degrees from St. Louis University and Lincoln University. In the General Assembly he served on the following committees: Ways and Means; Public Health and Welfare; Mental Health; State Fiscal Affairs; Education; Labor; Correctional Institutions; Metropolitan; Local Road and Private Corporations; Vice-Chairman of Elections (72nd, 73rd, 74th); Military Veteran and Naval Affairs (72nd, 73rd, 74th); Industrial Development (75th); Mental Health (75th). Chairman of Workmen's Compensation (72nd); State Budget Control (75th). Vice-Chairman of Municipal Corporations (75th); Rules and Joint Rules (75th).



1961-62

WILLIAM WRIGHT (Democrat), Representative from the Eleventh District of St. Louis City, was born November 26, 1914, in Augusta, Arkansas. He was a Baptist Minister and Pastor of the Greater Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church, St. Louis, Missouri. Elected to the House of Representatives in 1960. In the General Assembly he served as a member of the following committees: Insurance, Military and Veterans Affairs; Pensions; Railroads; and Unemployment.



1963-72

JOHN CONLEY, JR. (Democrat), Representative from the Fifteenth District of St. Louis City, was born March 15, 1920, in St. Louis, Missouri. Educated in the St. Louis Public Schools and Arkansas Baptist College, Little Rock, Arkansas. He was employed at the United States Post Office and in the office of recorder of deeds, St. Louis, Missouri. Served four years in the United States Navy. He was chief steward and supply petty officer and was discharged as a chief petty officer. A member of the Methodist Church, and precinct captain of the Twenty Second Ward Regular Democratic Organization, St. Louis, Missouri. In the General Assembly he served as a member of the following committees: City Planning; Labor; Municipal Corporations; Savings and Loan; Unemployment; Interstate Corporations; Legislative Research; Vice-Chairman of Unemployment (73rd); Chairman of Miscellaneous Resolutions (74th).



1963-82

DeVERNE LEE CALLOWAY (Democrat), Born June 17, 1916, in Memphis, Tennessee. Educated in the Seventh Day Adventist Grammar School, Booker Washington High School, and LeMoyne College in Memphis, Tennessee. She did graduate work at Atlanta University, Atlanta, Georgia, and Northwestern University, Chicago, Illinois, special courses at Pioneer Business Institute in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and Pendle Hill, a Quaker School in Wallingford, Pennsylvania and holds and A.B. in English. Taught public school in Vicksburg, Mississippi and at Holsey Institute, Cordele, Georgia. She did secretarial and clerical work for the Fair Employment Practices Council, Jewish Welfare Fund and Health Department of Chicago, Illinois. She was editor of the New Citizen Newspaper, published by her husband. Was a staff assistant at the U.S.O. Club in Ft. Huachuca, Arizona, in 1942 and joined the American Red Cross that year to accept assignment in the China-Burma-India theater with headquarters in Calcutta, India. A member of the Congregational Church, a board member of the St. Louis Nursery Foundation and the Leukemia Guild. Held membership in the Young Women's Christian Association, National Council of Negro Women, Order of Women Legislators, Americans for Democratic Action, is a life member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Elected to the 13th District in 1962, 1964; 70th District in 1966, 1968, 1970; 81st District in 1972, 1974, 1976, 1978 and 1980. In the General Assembly she served as a member of the following committees: Insurance; Welfare and Medicaid; Retirement; State Institutions and Property; Accounts; Chairman Ethics; Federal State Relations; Vice-Chairman Education - Elementary and Secondary; Elections.



1965-76

RAYMOND HOWARD (Democrat) Born March 13, 1925, in St. Louis, Missouri. Educated in Banneker Elementary School, Vashon High School, St. Louis, Missouri, University of Wisconsin, Madison, where he was elected to the Student Senate and where he served on the Student Conclave and was secretary of the senior class. He has an A.B. Degree and Juris Doctor of Law. He was an attorney in the general practice of law in St. Louis and attorney for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and Congress on Racial Equality. Served in the United States Army as a paratrooper in the 82nd Airborne Infantry with the rank of lieutenant. A Protestant. He was vice-chairman of the New Democratic Coalition of Metropolitan St. Louis. Member of the board of directors of Gateway National Bank, the St. Louis Civil Liberties Union, Page Park YMCA, Urban League and a member of the St. Louis Junior Chamber of Commerce. He was chairman of the Criminal Practice Committee of the St. Louis Bar Association, a member of the American Bar, National Bar and Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity. He received Certificate of Merit Award from the St. Louis Bar Association in 1965. In the House he was a member of the following committees: Civil and Criminal Procedures; Education; Judiciary; Unemployment. In the Senate he was a member of the following committees: Banking and Financial Institutions; Ways and Means; Criminal Jurisprudence; Education; Judiciary; State Departments; Municipal Corporations; and Public Health and Welfare; and Chairman of Elections (75, 76, 77, 78th.); Military and Veterans Affairs (77, 78th.); Vice-Chairman Bills Perfected (75th); Municipal Corporations; Railroads and Private Corporations (78th).



1965-71

LEON M. JORDAN (Democrat), Representative from District Number 11, born May 6, 1905, in Kansas City, Missouri. Educated in the Lincoln High School, Washburn University, Topeka, Kansas and Wilberforce University, Wilberforce, Ohio. Held a bachelor of science degree in commerce. He was a businessman. Has taught school and served as a former lieutenant of detectives. Served in the United States Army with the 24th regular infantry, eight years in reorganization of the Constabulary Forces for the Republic of Liberia, West Africa. Conducted preliminary flight program (first 60 hours) Liberian Army and Constabulary Pilots. Decorated for excellence by French Government--Legion of Honor. Decorations by Liberian Government--Black Star of Africa and Knights of African Redemption with the rank of commander. Member of the Episcopal Church, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity and Freedom, Incorporated. In the General Assembly he was a member of the Governmental Organization and Municipal Corporations Committee; Elections; Labor; Vice-Chairman of Employment Security Committee (75th); Labor (74th).



1965-72

HENRY ROSS (Democrat), Representative from District Number 10, born August 22, 1925, in Kansas City, Missouri. Educated in the Charles Sumner High School, Lincoln High School and R. T. Coles Vocational School. Co-owner of the (Mrs. C.E.) Davis and Ross Funeral Home. For 18 years, he was assigned to the Motor Vehicle Unit of the State Department of Revenue. Member of the Baptist Church, National Legislative Society, N.A.A.C.P., the Urban League and was chairman of the Central Coalition Political Club and a member of the Missouri State Democratic Club. Elected to the House of Representatives in 1964, reelected in 1966 and 1968. In the General Assembly he was a member of the following committees: Labor; Local Government and Related Matters; Rooms; Elections; Law Study Commission. Vice-Chairman Public Health (75th).



1965-76

HAROLD L. HOLLIDAY (Democrat) Born June 28, 1918, in Muskogee, Oklahoma. Educated in Lincoln University, Jefferson City, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor and University of Missouri, Kansas City. Has A.B., M.A. and LL.B. degrees. A practicing attorney. He was a caseworker, Missouri State Department of Welfare, Veterans' employment representative, United States Employment Service, contact representative, United States Veterans' Administration and economist. Office of Price Stabilization. Served in the United States Army from September 26, 1942 to November 1945, as a second lieutenant, with the Corps of Engineers in the European theater. Member of St. Paul Presbyterian Church, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity and board of directors of Freedom Incorporated. Elected to 5th District in 1964; 14th District in 1966, 1968, 1970; 26th District in 1972, 1974. In the General Assembly he was a member of the following committees: Employment Security; Economics; Welfare and Medicaid; Fair Employment Practices. Chairman of Civil and Criminal Procedures (76th) (77th). Vice-Chairman Commerce (75th).



1967-68

JAMES WILSON SPENCER (Democrat), Representative from District Number 13, born March 19, 1924, in Monroe, Louisiana. Educated in the Penn Elementary School, Kansas City, Missouri, Booker T. Washington High School, Memphis, Tennessee, Howard University, Washington, D.C. (B.S. degree) and University of Kansas City (LL.B. degree). A lawyer, having served as special assistant prosecuting attorney for the State of Missouri from 1960 to 1962, and assistant prosecuting attorney for Jackson County, Missouri, heading the Reciprocal Division, from 1962 to 1966. Member of Ebenezer A.M.E. Church, Kansas City, Phi Delta Phi legal and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternities, Missouri Bar Association, Kansas City Bar Association, Advisory Board of Lincoln Community Council, Missouri Association for Social Welfare, Heart of America Law Enforcement Agency, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons and National Association of District Attorneys. He has been in politics since 1952, has served as precinct captain, past vice president and past board member of the Kansas City Young Democrats. Elected to the House of Representatives in 1966. In the General Assembly, he served as a member of the Elections; and Social Security and Retirement committees.



1967-68

ELSA DEBRA HILL, (Democrat), Representative from District Number 71, born December 19, 1932, in St. Louis, Missouri. Educated in the St. Louis public schools and Southern Illinois University. Associated with the Metropolitan A.M.E. Zion Church. A Girl Scout leader of Troop No. 1105, member of the Annie Malone Children's Home, Civic Service Organization, Booster for YMCA, precinct captain of the Twenty-sixth Ward Regular Democratic Club and chairman of the Twenty-sixth Ward Scholarship Fund. Elected to the House of Representatives in 1966. In the General Assembly, she served as a member of the Employment Security; and State Institutions and Property committees.



1967-78

FRANKLIN PAYNE (Democrat) Born February 25, 1917, in St. Louis, Missouri. Educated in Vashon High School and Washington Technical School, St. Louis. He was a parking meter maintenance supervisor for St. Louis City. Member of the Wayman Temple Methodist Church, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, YMCA, Urban League, Annie Malone Orphanage and Old Folk Home, and was past president of Local No. 1063, Steel Workers Union, Granite City, Illinois. Elected to the House of Representatives in 1966. He served as a member of the Labor and Motor Vehicle and Traffic Regulations committees. Vice-chairman of Motor Vehicle and Traffic Regulation (75th); Elections (75th). Elected to the 4th District in the State Senate in 1970. Served on the following Senate committees: Insurance; State Departments; Ways and Means; Local Government; Fees and Salaries. Chairman of Apportionment; Elections; Military and Veterans Affairs (78th); Labor and Management Relations (79th); Municipal Corporations; Railroads and Private Corporations (79th). Vice-chairman Municipal Corporations, Railroads and Private Corporations (78th); Accounts; Assignments and Clerical Force (79th).



1967-70

LeROY MALCOLM (Democrat), Representative from District Number 75, born November 6, 1935, in St. Louis, Missouri. Member of the Baptist Church and has been a member of the Regular Twenty-second Ward Democratic Organization for 14 years. In the General Assembly he served as a member of the following committees: Commerce; Military and Veterans Affairs.



1967-82

JOHNNIE S. AIKENS (Democrat) Born September 11, 1914, in Cotton Plant, Arkansas. Educated in the Cotton Plant Vocational School and Cottons Plant Academy. General manager of the ABC Security Agency, and member of the West Side Baptist Church, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Block Unit, Salvation Army and Farris Home for the Aged. Has been a precinct captain for 20 years and a member of the Twentieth Ward Regular Democratic Organization. Elected to the 74th District in 1966, 1970; 66th District in 1972, 1974, 1976, 1978, 1980. In the General Assembly he served on the following committees: License; Miscellaneous Resolutions; Elections; Employment Security and Fair Employment Practices; Government Organization; Fees and Salaries; Retirement. Chairman of Miscellaneous Resolutions (77th); License and Related Matters (80th) (81st). Vice-chairman of Retirement and Pensions (78th; License and Related Matters (76th), (77th), (79th).



1969-72

HERMAN A. JOHNSON (Democrat), Representative from District Number 13, born December 19, 1916, in Schenectady, New York. Educated in the public schools of Elmira, New York, Cornell University and the University of Chicago. Managed offices for North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company and Supreme Life Insurance Company of America; statistician for War Production Board and assistant director of Freedman's Hospital, Washington, D.C. Served in World War II in the Air Force with rank of captain; as president of Herman Johnson Company, Realtors and Insurers; member, Real Estate Board of Kansas City, Home Builders Association of Kansas City and the Chamber of Commerce; president of NAACP, Kansas City, Advisory Board Urban League; member, Freedom Inc., Democratic Council of Jackson County and the County for Progress Committee; member and former vestryman, St. Augustine's Episcopal Church; and Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity. In the General Assembly he served on the following committees: Atomic Energy and Industrial Development; Appropriations; Social Security and Retirement; First State Capitol Restoration and Sesquicentennial; Vice-chairman of Bills Perfected and Passed: (74th, 75th).



1969-83

NATHANIEL (NAT) J. RIVERS (Democrat) Born July 4, 1918, in Cache, Alexander County, Illinois. Educated in the Sumner High School, Cairo, Illinois, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, and St. Louis University. He is an insurance broker, trustee of the West Side Baptist Church, St. Louis Masonic Lodge (past worshipful master), Elks (past exalted ruler), president and chairman of Twenty-sixth Ward Regular Democratic Organization, acting Democratic committeeman of Twenty-sixth Ward, president of Union-Sarah Credit Union, advisory board member of Central Foods, Inc., member of Lou Brock Boys Club Executive Board, the Annie Malone Children's Home, West End Citizen's Participation Committee, Page-Park YMCA and West End Community Conference, board member of West Side Community Gardens, member Neighborhood Advisory Board of the Union-Sarah Gateway Center. Served two, six-year terms as school trustee and one, four-year term as parole officer in Illinois. Elected Twenty-sixth Ward alderman in 1964, and reelected in 1967. Also served on the Traffic, Civil Defense, State Affairs, Legislative Research, Ways and Means committees and chairman of the Auditorium Committee in St. Louis. Elected to the 71st District in 1968, 1970; 79th District in 1972, 1974, 1976, 1978, 1980; 59th District in 1982. In the General Assembly he served on the following committees: Motor Vehicles and Traffic Regulations; Atomic Energy and Industrial Development; Federal-State Relations; Revenue and Economics; Mo. and St. Louis Airport; Interstate Human Resources; Constitutional Amendments; Local Government and Related Matters; Fees and Salaries; Retirement. Chairman of Interstate Cooperation (77th, 78th, 82nd), Statutory Committee on Interstate Cooperation (79th) (80th). Vice-Chairman of Fees and Salaries (82nd).



1969-85

FRED E. WILLIAMS (Democrat), born July 6, 1935, in Columbus, Mississippi. Educated in Washington Technical School, O'Fallon Technical High School, Hubbard Business College and University of Missouri-Columbia. Served with the U.S. Marine Corps, Korea. He is a master Mason and former junior warden, Lambskin Lodge 125. Member: Toastmasters International; West-End Neighborhood Advisory Committee, employment chairman; West-End Community Conference; 26th Ward Democratic organizations. Elected to the House: District 72-1968, 1970; District 78-1972, 1974, 1976, 1978, 1980; District 56-1982, 1984. In the General Assembly he served on the following committees: Atomic Energy and Industrial Development; Federal-State Relations; Labor (75th), Employment Security (Vice-Chairman); Appropriations; Education; Governor's Commission on Comprehensive Health Planning (76th), Workmen's Compensation (Chairman); Appropriations; Education; Governor's Committee on Comprehensive Health Planning (77th), Workmen's Compensation (Chairman); Appropriations; Mines and Mining (78th), Municipal Corporations (Chairman); Revenue and Economics; Appropriations; Statutory Committee on Correctional Institutions (Vice-Chairman) (79th), Governmental Organization (Chairman); Revenue and Economics; Appropriations; Correctional Institutions (Vice-Chairman) (80th), Governmental Organization (Chairman); Appropriations-Social Services (Vice-Chairman); Budget; Rules and Joint Rules (81st), Governmental Organization (Chairman); Appropriations-Social Services and Corrections (Vice-Chairman); Budget; Governmental Review: Rules and Joint Rules (82nd), Appropriations-General Administration (Chairman); Budget; Governmental Organization; Human Rights and Resources; Rules and Joint Rules (83rd).



1970-85

ORCHID I. JORDAN (Democrat), born in Clay Center, Kansas. Educated in Clay Center public schools and Wilberforce University, Ohio, majoring in education. She is a member of Links, Inc.; Kansas City Council on Crime Prevention; honorary member of Fraternal Order of Police in Kansas City; and life member of NAACP; board member of the Kansas City Convention and Visitors Bureau; member of Mid-American Regional Council; and Kansas City Chapter of Urban League. Elected Democratic Caucus secretary in the 78th, 79th, 80th, 81st and 82nd General Assemblies. Elected to the House of Representatives in 1970 and reelected in 1972, 1974, 1976, 1978, 1980 (Dist. 25) and 1982, 1984, 1986 (Dist. 36). In the General Assembly she served on the following committees: Federal-State Relations; Social Security and Retirement (76th); Bills Perfected and Passed (Chairman); Welfare and Medicaid, (Vice-Chairman); Federal-State Relations and Veterans Affairs (77th); Bills

(con't.)

Perfected and Printed (Chairman); Social Services and Medicaid (Vice-Chairman; Retirement and Pensions (78th); Bills Perfected and Passed (Chairman); Social Services and Medicaid; Urban Affairs; Interim Committee on Correctional Institutions (79th); Bills Perfected and Printed (Chairman); Social Services and Medicaid; Urban Affairs (80th); Bills Perfected and Passed (Chairman); Correctional Institutions; Social Services and Medicaid; Urban Affairs (81st); Bills Perfected and Printed (Chairman); Social Services and Medicaid (Vice-Chairman); Correctional Institutions; Urban Affairs (82nd); Bills Perfected and Printed (Chairman); Social Services and Medicaid (Vice-Chairman); Correctional Institutions; Urban Affairs (83rd).



FRED EDGAR BROWN (Democrat), Representative from District Number 73, born November 7, 1904, in Jackson, Miss. Educated in the public schools of Jefferson County, Fayette, Miss. He was engaged in the real estate business. Member of the Church of Christ (Holiness); Vice-Chairman, Fourth Ward Regular Democratic Organization; president, Neighborhood Improvement Organization; NAACP; member, Annie Malone Children's Home; Urban League; a Scout leader; and chairman of Deacon Board of Crist Temple at 4301 Page. Elected to the House of Representatives in 1970. In the General Assembly, he served as a member of the Elections Committee and Labor Committee.

1971-72



1973-82

LEO McKAMEY (Democrat) Born June 13, 1915, in St. Louis, Mo. Educated at Vashon High School, St. Louis, 1935; Stowe Teachers College, St. Louis, 1936; Lincoln University, Jefferson City, 1937; and Chicago University, 1939-40. Has an A.B. in science and a master's degree in education from Chicago University. He was the manager of a labor organization. Member, Second Baptist Church, Kansas City; Kansas City Chamber of Commerce; Advisory Board United Campaign; board of directors, Douglas State Bank; secretary, Greater Kansas City Health and Welfare Fund; vice president, Grand Jury Association; member, International Legislative Committee; Freedom, Inc.; and NAACP. Elected to the 36th District in 1972, 1974, 1976, 1978, 1980. In the General Assembly he served on the following committees: Municipal Corporations; Governmental Organization; Labor; Federal-State Relations and Veterans Affairs; Accounts; and Miscellaneous Resolutions. Chairman of Employment Security and Fair Employment Practices (80th, 81st). Vice-chairman Workmen's Compensation (78th); Employment Security and Fair Employment Practices (79th).



1973-78

RAYMOND (RAY) QUARLES (Democrat), Representative from District Number 63, born February 27, 1929, at St. Louis, Mo. Educated in Dunbar Elementary School, was graduated from Sumner High School, 1948, Heald's Engineering College, San Francisco, Calif., 1952; Hubbard Business College, 1953 and Florissant Valley College, 1970. He was a community relations representative for Bi-State Transit. He served as chief signal corps specialist during the Korean Conflict. Member, St. Engelbert Catholic Church, Easton-Taylor Gateway Center, Peoples Incorporated, Sixth District Community Relations Group, the H. Phillip Randolph Institute of Missouri, and is a well-known businessman in St. Louis. In the General Assembly he served as a member of the following committees: Labor; Social Services and Medicaid; Employment Security and Fair Employment Practices; Federal-State Relations; Veterans Affairs; Chairman of Motor Vehicle and Traffic Regulations (79th); Vice-chairman Motor Vehicle and Traffic Regulations.



1973-80

JAMES M. CARRINGTON (Democrat), Representative from District Number 67, born April 17, 1904, in St. Louis, Mo. Educated at Simmons Elementary School, 1917, Sumner High School, 1921, and Howard University, Washington, D.C., receiving a B.S. in engineering in 1925. He retired from the St. Louis Globe-Democrat newspaper, and was its first black photographer, and was a salesman, first black, for 23 years with the City Products Corporation. Member, Antioch Baptist Church, St. Louis; director and founder of Youth Brigade, Inc.; board of directors, St. Louis Comprehensive Neighborhood Health Center; board of directors, Wells-Goodfellow H.D.C. Center; and member, Mayor's Youth Council. In the General Assembly he served on the following committees: Employment Security and Fair Employment Practices; Governmental Organization; Fees, Salaries and Retirement; Urban Affairs. Vice-chairman on Retirement and Pensions (78th); Employment Security and Fair Employment Practices (80th).



1973-74

HAROLD (BABE) MARTIN (Democrat), Representative from District Number 82, born March 24, 1912, in St. Louis, Mo. Educated at St. Elizabeth's Catholic School, Vashon High School (1932) and Lincoln University, Jefferson City (1933). Served as a staff sergeant in the United States Army. Member, Catholic Church, Inner City Scholarship Fund; Sixth Ward Democratic Organization, Sixth Ward Civic Co-op Organization and former member, Carr Lane PTA, and member, Fifth Ward Democratic Organization. Elected to the House of Representatives in 1972. During the General Assembly, he served as a member of the following committees: Employment Security and Fair Employment Practices; Labor; and Municipal Corporations.



ROSCOE L. McCRARY (Democrat), Representative from District Number 82, born October 31, 1922, in St. Louis, Mo. Educated in the Dessalines and Jefferson Elementary School, Vashon High School, and attended St. Louis University, 1946, (radio and Journalism courses). Director of Community Relations, with the St. Louis Sentinel Newspaper. In 1943, served six months with the Air Base Security Battalion, and received his honorable discharge September, 1943. Member of St. Nicholas Catholic Church, Board of YMCA, Herbert Hoover Boys Club, NAACP, and Annie Malone Children's Home. Engaged in politics thirty years. In the General Assembly he served on the following committees: Insurance; Municipal Corporations; Appropriations; Local Government and Related Matters. Vice-chairman of Fees, Salaries and Retirement.



1977-81

GWEN B. GILES (Democrat), educated at St. Rita Academy, St. Alphonsus Ligouri School and St. Louis University. Member of the Catholic Church; West End Community Conference; NAACP; National Association of Human Rights Workers; Missouri Black Leadership Association; Elected in December, 1977 to fill an unexpired term and reelected to a full Senate term November 7, 1978. In the General Assembly she served on the following committees: Apportionment, Elections, Military and Veterans Affairs; Labor and Management Relations; Public Health, Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities;, Welfare, Medicaid and Consumer Protection; Interstate Cooperation (chairman); Industrial Development (vice chairman).



1977-78

ROBERT L. WALKER (Democrat), Representative from District Number 80, born May 5, 1928, in St. Louis. Educated in a St. Louis school, he continued his education at Washington Technical School (1943-1947), Ruebecam School of Music (1948-1949), Coreager Music College (1950-1951) and St. Louis Music and Art University (1953-1957). He owned a St. Louis restaurant. Served in the U.S. Army. Member, Memorial Baptist Church and the St. Louis Theosophical Society. He was administrative aid to J.B. (Jet) Banks for three and one-half years. Elected to the House of Representatives in 1976. In the General Assembly he served on the following committees: Consumer Protection; Fees, Salaries and Retirement.



1979-82

BILLIE BOYKINS (Democrat), born July 9, 1946, in St. Louis. Attended St. Louis Community College, St. Louis University and University of Missouri-St. Louis with a concentration in business administration. Engaged in office and grocery management. Member of St. Louis Nicholas Catholic Church; Council of Neighborhood Organizations; Missouri Black Leadership Association; Concerned Public Housing Tenants; and Fifth Ward, First Congressional District and State Democratic committees. In the General Assembly she served on the following Committees: Banks and Financial Institutions; License and Related Matters; Social Services and Medicaid; Appropriations-Social Services; Correctional Institutions; Education-Elementary and Secondary (Vice-chairman).



1981-82

JAMES WHITMORE (Democrat), born January 1, 1943 in West Memphis, Ar. Attended Southern Illinois University and Washington University, St. Louis, with a degree in Business Administration. President of a St. Louis development corporation. Member of Lane Tabernacle C.M.E. Church. He was elected to the House of Representatives in 1976 but was unseated in an election contest. Again elected November 4, 1980. In the General Assembly he served on the following committees: Banks and Financial Institutions; Commerce; Public Health and Safety; Urban Affairs.



1981- 83

LEE VERTIS SWINTON (Democrat), born August 9, 1922 in Dardanelle, AR. Educated in Coffeyville, KS schools and at Pittsburg State College and University of Missouri-Kansas City. Has B.A. and J.D. degrees. He is a lawyer. He is an elder in the Swope Parkway United Christian Church and a member of Kappa Alpha Psi and the N.A.A.C.P. He is an overseas veteran of World War II, a former assistant county counselor and served six years on the Jackson County Legislature, one year as chairman. Elected to the Senate November 4, 1980. Committees: State Departments and Governmental Affairs (vice chairman); Constitutional Amendments and Reorganization; Criminal Jurisprudence; Public Health, Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, Welfare, Medicaid and Consumer Protection; Municipal Corporations, Railroads, Private Corporations, Urban Affairs and Housing, Municipal Corporations (Chairman).



1981-82

EARL A. PITTS, SR. (Democrat), born November 1, 1919, in Kansas City. Attended Kansas City public schools and Lincoln Business College. Owner of a grocery store and a janitorial service. Served in the U.S. Navy. Member of Friendship Baptist Church, past Exalted Ruler of Elks Lodge 1426, past president of Hilltop Saddle Club and member of Kansas City Planning Board, Fox Town Neighborhood Club and Marlborough Club. Elected to the House of Representatives November 4, 1980. In the General Assembly he served on the following committees: Agri-Business; Education-Elementary and Secondary; Labor.



1981-82

JAMES DENNIS TINDALL (Democrat), born June 6, 1942 in Kansas City. Attended University of Missouri-Kansas City, Carver Bible Institute and Western Bible College, had a B.A. degree in journalism and B.S. in theology. Pastor of Metropolitan Spiritual Church in Kansas City. Member of the Southern Christian Leadership Council; NAACP board; Jaycees; and is active in youth and social programs. Elected to the House of Representatives November 4, 1980. In the General Assembly he served on the following Committees: Ethics; Governmental Review; Social Services and Medicaid.



WALTER PETERSON (Democrat), born January 25, 1954, in Jackson County. Graduated from the University of Kansas (B.S. in journalism). He is an urban planner, employed by By Design Inc., Kansas City. Member: Kappa Alpha Psi; Southern Christian Leadership Conference, board of directors. Elected to the House: 1982, 1984. In the General Assembly he served on the following committees: Appropriations-Social Services and Corrections; Civil and Criminal Justice; Governmental Organization; Urban Affairs (82nd). Governmental Review (Vice Chairman); Appropriations-Social Services and Corrections; Civil and Criminal Justice; Critical and Decisions; Urban Affairs (83rd).

1983-

BLACK LEGISLATORS  
MISSOURI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

YEARS SERVED	NAME	PARTY	DISTRICT	AREA
1967-68	Russell Goward	(D)	76th	St. Louis, City
1969-70	J.B. Banks	(D)	54th	St. Louis, City
	Russell Goward	(D)	76th	St. Louis, City
1971-72	J.B. Banks	(D)	54th	St. Louis, City
	Russell Goward	(D)	76th	St. Louis, City
1973-74	Philip B. Curls	(D)	28th	Jackson, County
	J.B. Banks	(D)	54th	St. Louis, City
	Russell Goward	(D)	65th	St. Louis, City
1975-76	Alan D. Wheat	(D)	26th	Jackson, County
	Philip B. Curls	(D)	28th	Jackson, County
	J.B. Banks	(D)	54th	St. Louis, City
	Russell Goward	(D)	65th	St. Louis, City
1977-78	Philip B. Curls	(D)	28th	Jackson, County
	Stephen C. Banton	(R)	71st	St. Louis, Co.
	Russell Goward	(D)	65th	St. Louis, City
1979-80	Alan D. Wheat	(D)	26th	Jackson, County
	Philip B. Curls	(D)	28th	Jackson, County
	Charles Troupe	(D)	63rd	St. Louis, City
	Russell Goward	(D)	65th	St. Louis, City
	Elbert Walton, Jr.	(D)	80th	St. Louis, City

**Present Missouri Legislators**

BLACK LEGISLATORS

MISSOURI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

YEARS SERVED	NAME	PARTY	DISTRICT	AREA
1981-82	Alan D. Wheat	(D)	26th	Jackson, County
	Philip B. Curls	(D)	28th	Jackson, County
	Mary Bland	(D)	30th	Jackson, County
	Charles Troupe	(D)	63rd	St. Louis, City
	Russell Goward	(D)	65th	St. Louis, City
	Elbert Walton, Jr.	(D)	80th	St. Louis, City
1983-84	Philip B. Curls	(D)	39th	Jackson, County
	*Fletcher Daniels	(D)	39th	Jackson, County
	Mary Bland	(D)	43rd	Jackson, County
	O.L. Shelton	(D)	57th	St. Louis, City
	Louis Ford	(D)	58th	St. Louis, City
	*William Clay, Jr.	(D)	59th	St. Louis City
1985-86	Russell Goward	(D)	60th	St. Louis, City
	Elbert A. Walton	(D)	61st	St. Louis, City
	Charles Troupe	(D)	62nd	St. Louis, City
	Steve Banton	(R)	94th	St. Louis, Co.
	Fletcher Daniels	(D)	39th	Jackson, County
	Mary Bland	(D)	43rd	Jackson, County
1987-88	O.L. Shelton	(D)	57th	St. Louis, City
	Louis Ford	(D)	58th	St. Louis, City
	William Clay, Jr.	(D)	59th	St. Louis, City
	Russell Goward	(D)	60th	St. Louis, City

\*special election

BLACK LEGISLATORS  
MISSOURI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

YEARS SERVED	NAME	PARTY	DISTRICT	AREA
1985-86	Elbert Walton, Jr.	(D)	61st	St. Louis, City
	Charles Troupe	(D)	62nd	St. Louis, City
	Steve Banton	(R)	94th	St. Louis, Co.
1987-88	Vernon Thompson	(D)	36th	Jackson, County
	Jackie McGee	(D)	38th	Jackson, County
	Fletcher Daniels	(D)	39th	Jackson, County
	Mary Bland	(D)	43rd	Jackson, County
	O.L. Shelton	(D)	57th	St. Louis, City
	Louis Ford	(D)	58th	St. Louis, City
	William Clay, Jr.	(D)	59th	St. Louis, City
	Russell Goward	(D)	60th	St. Louis, City
	Elbert Walton	(D)	61st	St. Louis, City
	Charles "Quincy" Troupe	(D)	62nd	St. Louis, City
Steve Banton	(R)	94th	St. Louis, Co.	

BLACK LEGISLATORS

MISSOURI STATE SENATE

YEARS SERVED	NAME	PARTY	DISTRICT	AREA
1977-88	J.B. Banks	(D)	5th	St. Louis, City
1981-88	John Bass	(D)	4th	St. Louis, City
1984-88	*Philip Curls	(D)	9th	Jackson, County

\*elected in a special election December 1983.

BLACK LEGISLATORS IN CONGRESS

YEARS SERVED	NAME	PARTY	DISTRICT	AREA
1971-88	William Clay, Sr.	(D)	1st	St. Louis, City
1983-88	Alan Wheat	(D)	5th	Kansas City

## STATE REPRESENTATIVES



VERNON THOMPSON (Democrat). District 36. General Assembly committee assignments: Appropriations-Social Services and Corrections-Standing; Local Government; Tourism, Recreational and Cultural Affairs; Transportation.



JACQUELINE T. McGEE (Democrat), District 38. Born November 5, 1952, in Hayti, Missouri. Educated in the Hayti High School, University of Missouri, St. Louis (B.S.), University of Missouri, Kansas City (J.D.). She is a law clerk and formerly an Urban Development Specialist with the City of Kansas City, Missouri's office of Housing and Community Development and the Kansas City Neighborhood Alliance. Member: YWCA Board of Directors; Bridge Ministry Board of Directors; Clymer Center Board of Directors; and is a member of the Missouri Legislative Black Caucus; National Association of State Legislators; National Black Caucus of State Legislators; Central Exchange; Junior League; NAACP; Women's Political Caucus; Women's Leadership Institute-Avila College and Coalition 100 Black Women. General Assembly committees served on: Appropriations-General Administration; Critical Decisions; Urban Affairs.



FLETCHER DANIELS (Democrat), District 39. Born September 8, 1919, in Muskogee, Okla. Attended Muskogee public schools, graduating in 1937. Attended the University of Kansas. Retired after 30 years of service as a postal employee. Elected to the House 1984 (special election), 1986. General Assembly committees served on: Elections; Human Rights and Resources; Education Committee-Elementary and Secondary; Insurance.



MARY GROVES BLAND (Democrat), District 43. Born in Kansas City. Educated in Kansas City public schools, Ottawa University, Penn Valley College, Pioneer College. A freelance personnel consultant. Awards: Blacks in Government Community Service; Jefferson Community Service; Missouri Black Leadership Association; Outstanding Black Women, Role of Model for Youth; Outstanding Women. Member: Catholic Church; Freedom, Inc.; Town Fork Creek Neighborhood Association; Clymer Center; Niles Home for Children; U.S. Commission on Civil Rights; Southeast Neighborhood Coalition; Mayor's Council on Crime Prevention. Elected to the House: 1980, 1982, 1984, 1986. General Assembly committees served on: Human Rights and Resources (Chairman); Appropriations-Health and Mental Health; Education Committee-Higher; Public Health and Safety.



O.L. SHELTON (Democrat), District 57. Born February 6, 1946, in Greenwood, Miss. He is a graduate of Sumner High School and Lincoln University (A.B.). Member: Greater Leonard M.B. Church; Ville Area Neighborhood Housing Association; Freedom St. Louis, Inc., chairman; Early Child Care Development Corporation Board; Williamson Community School Board; 57th Legislative District Organization. Elected to the House: 1982, 1984, 1986. General Assembly committees served on: Appropriations-Social Services and Corrections; Governmental Organization; Budget; Elections.



LOUIS H. FORD (Democrat), District 58. Born March 12, 1935, in Mississippi. Graduate of Sumner High School. He works for Ford Pest Control Company. Served two years, U.S. Army. Member: Prince of Peace Baptist Church, trustee and assistant lieutenant, usher board; 32nd degree Mason; Eastern Star; Holy Royal Arch; Fifth Ward Committeeman, three terms. Elected to the House in 1982, 1984, 1986. General Assembly committees served on: State Institutions and Property (Chairman); Appropriations-Natural and Economic Resources; Public Health and Safety; Transportation.



PAULA J. CARTER (Democrat), District 56. Born in St. Louis. Educated in the St. Louis parochial schools. She was formerly the Chief of Staff in the Circuit Clerk's Office in the 22nd Judicial District. Member: National Association for Court Managers; National Organization of Women Legislators; Parliamentarian of the 1st Congressional District Women's Democratic Club; Service Employees Local #50 SEIU-AFL-CIO/CLC; NAACP; Board member of the North Park Association; and Elk I.B.P.O.E. of W.; State Democrat Women's Club; Vice Chairman of the 5th Senatorial District. General Assembly committees served on: Consumer Protection; Elections; Human Rights and Resources; Labor.



WILLIAM L. CLAY, JR. (Democrat), District 59. Born July 27, 1956, in St. Louis. Educated in Silver Spring, Md. public schools and the University of Maryland (B.S. in government and politics). Earned certificate in paralegal studies. He is a corporate assistant supervisor. Worked as assistant doorkeeper in the U.S. House of Representatives, 1977-1983. Experienced in theatrical and stage productions. Helped organize efforts for national day of honor for the late Dr. Martin Luther King. Member: St. Nicholas Catholic Church; 26th and 28th ward regular Democratic organizations; Congressional Black Caucus Foundation Spouses Committee. Elected to the House: 1983 (special election), 1984, 1986. General Assembly committees served on: Labor; Ways and Means; Appropriations-Social Services and Corrections; Ethics; Governmental Organization.



RUSSELL GOWARD (Democrat), District 60. Born August 25, 1935, in St. Louis. Educated at Sumner High School, Hubbards Business College, Harris Teachers College and the University of Missouri-St. Louis. He is an insurance and real estate broker. Former mathematics instructor and assistant administrative director of a St. Louis business school. Served in the U.S. Navy during Korean War. Member: Pilgrim Congregational Church; Masons; 21st Ward Regular Democratic Organization. Elected to the House: District 65-1966-1980; District 60-1982, 1984, 1986. General Assembly committees served on: Social Services and Medicaid (Chairman); Appropriations-Social Services and Corrections; Correctional Institutions.



ELBERT A. WALTON, JR. (Democrat), District 61. Born February 21, 1942. Attended Harris Teachers College (A.A.), University of Missouri-St. Louis (B.A.), Washington University (M.B.A.) and St. Louis University School of Law (J.D.). He is a practicing attorney; at the time of his election, he was provisional judge of the Municipal Court, City of St. Louis. Served in the U.S. Naval Reserve. Received Outstanding Young Man of America, Citizen of the Year, Outstanding Achievement and Outstanding Service awards. Member: Mound City, Missouri and National bar association; Omega Psi Phi; Beta Alpha Psi; Phi Delta Phi; and Freedom-St. Louis, Inc. Elected to the House: District 80-1978, 1980; District 61-1982, 1984, 1986. General Assembly committees served on: Appropriations-General Administration; Elections.



CHARLES (Quincy) TROUPE (Democrat), District 62. Born May 12, 1936, in St. Louis. Attended Washington and Hadley Technical schools; National Institute of Electronics and Technology, Denver University. He is an electrical contractor and vice president of a local union organization. Member: Lively Stone Church; Masons; Eureka Consistory No. 29; Knights Templar; Shrine; League of Women Voters; Concerned Parents of North St. Louis; Black Survival; Action Against Apathy; St. Louis Broadcast Coalition; Minority Contractors Association; Coalition for the Environment; St. Louis Labor Council; Community service awards from Firefighters Institute of Racial Equality, Albert Holman Lodge 179, United Black Community Fund; Associated Black Collegians; Black Leadership. Elected to the House: 1978, 1980, 1982, 1984, 1986. General Assembly committees served on: Employment Security and Fair Practice (Chairman); Commerce; Transportation; Workers Compensation.



STEPHEN C. BANTON (Republican), District 94. Born in St. Louis. Educated at Howard University, Bowdoin College (A.B.), Washington University (J.D. and M.B.A.). Partner in a law firm. Served as officer in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve. Member: St. Luke's Episcopal Church; Boy Scouts; Jaycees; Conservative Union; League of Women Voters; Crusade Against Crime; Missouri Historical Association. Awards from: Westport and St. Louis County League of Chambers of Commerce; Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis; Washington University; Meramec Palisades Community Association; Lafayette Community Association; Clayton Lions; National Federation of the Grand Order of Pachyderm Clubs; Professional Remodeling Association of Missouri; Ozark Area Council of American Youth Hostels. Elected to the House: District 71-1977 (special election); District 94-1982, 1984, 1986. General Assembly committees served on: Children, Youth, and Families; Commerce; Consumer Protection; Governmental Review; Insurance.

STATE SENATORS



JOHN F. BASS (Democrat), District 4. Born July 18, 1926, in St. Louis. Graduate of Sumner High School, Lincoln University (B.S., business administration), Washington University (masters, education and school administration). An educator, school administrator, consultant. Served as Director of Welfare; member; member, St. Louis Board of Aldermen; St. Louis Comptroller; Director of Transportation; delegate, Democratic National Convention, 1976, 1980, 1984. Member: Democratic State Committee; chairman, 20th Ward Regular Democratic Organization; Missouri Legislative Black Caucus, treasurer. Elected to the Senate: 1981 (special election), 1982, 1986. General Assembly committees served on: Labor and Industrial Relations (Chairman); Interstate Cooperation (Vice Chairman); Criminal Jurisprudence; Education; State Budget Control.



J.B. (Jet) BANKS (Democrat), District 5. Born March 13, 1926, in Hermondale. Graduated from Lincoln University (B.S.). Engaged in mortgage banking; board chairman, Masonic Home Loan Association; real estate appraiser; president of construction and real estate developing firms; insurance underwriter; real estate broker; author; past national imperial potentate, state grand master, Mt. Olive Grade Lodge; Most Pussiant National Sovereign Grand Commander, Southern Masonic Jurisdiction, National Supreme Council, AF & AM; national grand deputy, Masonic Congress of the World. Member: Baptist Church; Alpha Kappa Psi. Committeeman, 19th Ward Regular Democratic Organization. Elected to the House, four terms. Elected to the Senate: 1976, 1980, 1984. General Assembly committees served on: Public Health & Welfare (Chairman); Legislative Block Grant Oversight Committee (Vice Chairman); Appropriations (Vice Chairman); Banks, Commerce & Tourism; Gubernatorial Appointments; Urban Affairs & Industrial Development.



PHILIP B. CURLS, JR. (Democrat), District 9. Born April 2, 1942, in Kansas City. Educated at DeLaSalle High School and Rockhurst College (B.S. in business administration, major in accounting). He is a real estate appraiser and broker. Member: St. Louis Catholic Church; Freedom, Inc.; NAACP; Society of Residential Appraisers Candidate. Elected to the House: 1972, 1974, 1976, 1978, 1980, 1982. Elected to the Senate in a special election 1983 and in 1984. General Assembly committees served on: Urban Affairs & Industrial Development (Chairman); Banks, Commerce & Tourism (Vice Chairman); Legislative Block Grant Oversight Committee; Appropriations; Public Health & Welfare.

UNITED STATES CONGRESS



WILLIAM CLAY, SR. (Democrat), District 1. Born April 30, 1931, in St. Louis. Educated at St. Louis University (B.S. in history and political science, 1953). Is a real estate broker. Served as St. Louis City alderman, 26th ward, 1959-1964. Wrote and sponsored, Fair Employment Law. Business representative, state, county and municipal employees union, 1961-1964. Democratic committeeman, 26th ward, since 1964. Elected to the U.S. House in 1968; now serving tenth term in Congress. Congressional committees served on: Education and Labor; Labor-Management Relations, Chairman; Post Office and Civil Service; Postal Operations and Services, Chairman; House Administration.



ALAN WHEAT (Democrat), District 5. Born October 16, 1951, in San Antonio, Tex. Graduated from Airline High School, Bossier City, La. and Grinnell College, Iowa (A.B. economics, 1972). Former economist with the Department of HUD and Mid-American Regional Council. Elected to the Missouri House in 1976, 1978, 1980. Elected to the U.S. House in 1982, now serving his third term. Congressional committees served on: Rules; Children, Youth, and Families; District of Columbia; Governmental Operation and Metropolitan Affairs, Chairman.